Thursday, December 18, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 53

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with NEC UNIFIED SOLUTIONS, INC, Irving TX, for service, maintenance, upgrades, and warranty for the private branch exchange (PBX), premises distribution system (PDS), call accounting/management system, cabling, seamless integration voice messaging system, and their related power systems which serve the

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in an estimated amount not to exceed \$353,106, with four 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$433,000 for the first extension option, \$373,039 for the second extension option, \$328,230 for the third option and \$333,577 for the fourth extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,820,952.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$353,106 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language: Single Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission on December 16, 2008.

This contract is for service, maintenance, upgrades, and warranty for the private branch exchange (PBX), premises distribution system (PDS), call accounting/management system, cabling, seamless integration voice messaging system, and their related power systems which serve the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). The contract will also provide a mechanism for moves, additions, and changes to the PDS system on an as needed basis at agreed prices and for equipment to be purchased at a 25% discount from the manufacturer's list price.

ABIA was designated as a Shared Tenant Service (STS) facility in 1998. STS is utilized at ABIA as a way of providing voice, data, and video services to all tenants. ABIA is a dedicated telecommunications campus with a minimum point of entry established. The Premise Distribution System (PDS) consists of both fiber optics and copper cabling which connect all campus buildings installed at the opening of the Airport. This design concept allows the tenants (airlines, rental car companies, concessionaires, cargo companies, etc.) and airport staff to use the same cable infrastructure for voice and data requirements.

The existing telephone system equipment at ABIA is 10 years old with some parts of the system that need to be replaced with updated equipment. Some examples of replacement parts are the voice mail

system and the PBX processors. During the first year of the contract, the voice mail system will be replaced. Other needed part replacements will be implemented throughout the term of the contract.

When the airport was being built, Council awarded a contract to NEC Business Network Solutions, Inc. to implement this shared PBX switch and a premise distribution system. NEC Unified Solutions is the factory direct installer and holds the required technician certifications. Although there are no MBE/WBE/DBE goals established, NEC has committed to using a WBE/DBE certified vendor, DAR Communications, for sub-contracting cabling services for this contract.